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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING READ-ONLY  
ACCESS TO NETWORK ELEMENT CONFIGURATION DATA

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**AMENDMENT**

This RCE and Amendment are being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated November 25, 2005, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.